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GIORDANO ALASCIA

I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST NEWSPAPERS. MOST OF THEM DO AN OKAY JOB. BUT *THE BLADE* WAS A DIRT SHEET FROM WAY BACK, A RAG SO YELLOW THAT EVEN ITS COPY BOYS HAD JAUNDICE.

LIKE I SAID, *THE BLADE* WAS LOW--BUT IT REALLY HIT BOTTOM IN A GOSSIP COLUMN CALLED..

THE BLADE

RE! KILL THAT ITEM!

BY GEORGE WESTON

...WHICH NOTED THE ATRICAL PRODUCER AFTER PROMISING HIS BETTER HALF TO STAY ON THE WAGON, WAS SEEN SPIFFED NIGHT...

WESTON

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WHEW--WHAT A LAYOUT!

NOTHING BUT THE BEST FOR GEORGIE!

BUT THE NIGHT CAME WHEN HE LEARNED DIFFERENT--

Y-YOU SENT FOR ME?

FUNNY THING, GEORGE--HERE I AM WITH ALL YOUR I.O.U.'S IN MY SAFE, AND YET THEY DON'T MAKE ME FEEL ANY RICHER. SO I'VE DREAMED UP A WAY OF CASHING THEM IN...!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

QUITE A FEW OF THOSE ITEMS IN YOUR COLUMNS ...BEFORE THEY'RE BRUSHED OFF BY THE LEGAL QUIZ-KIDS... I HAVE A FEELING PEOPLE WOULD PAY HARD CASH NOT TO GET THEM PRINTED!
YOU'RE NOT PULLING ME IN ON ANY BLACKMAIL RACKET!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'M NOT, GEORGE...?
BECAUSE I'LL GO RIGHT TO THE COPS!
HEAR THAT, MAC? GEORGIE SAYS HE'LL RUN RIGHT TO THE MEN IN BLUE. I GUESS HE'S NEVER STOPPED TO THINK HOW MANY ACCIDENTS THERE ARE IN THIS CITY EVERY DAY. HOW EASY IT WOULD BE FOR ONE OF THOSE ACCIDENTS TO HAPPEN TO HIM, IF HE DOESN'T PLAY BALL...!
I-I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN... I'LL PLAY BALL! BUT I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING INTO. IT'S RISKY.
REST EASY, GEORGE ---I HAVE EVERY-THING ALL FIGURED OUT.
HERE'S A LIST OF SPECIALLY SELECTED SUCKERS--EVERY ONE OF THEM GUARANTEED TO COME ACROSS UNDER PRESSURE. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SEARCH THAT CESSPOOL YOU CALL A MIND, AND TYPE DOWN THE JUICIEST ITEMS YOU CAN DREDGE UP ABOUT EVERY ONE OF THEM!
GOOD BOY, GEORGE --NOW I'LL HANDLE THE REST...!
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RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

THE NEXT MORNING, AN ENVELOPE WAS SLIPPED UNDER A DOOR IN A HIGH-CLASS APARTMENT-HOTEL--
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
ANYTHING WRONG, DEAR?
NO...NOTHING AT ALL! I--I HAVE TO GO OUT. I'LL BE BACK AFTER LUNCH!
AND AN HOUR AFTER THAT - - - - -
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? A SPECIAL MESSENGER JUST HANDED ME FIVE GRAND..! YOU NEVER EVEN BREATHED YOU'D USE MY NAME...OR ME AS THE PAY-OFF MAN!
RELAX, GEORGE...THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. THE WAY WE'RE WORKING IT, NOBODY CAN PIN A THING ON YOU!
THE SUCKERS SEE YOUR BY-LINE ON THE LETTERS THEY GET...THEY KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE READ YOUR COLUMN...AND THEY COME ACROSS SOONER! BUT THE LETTER IS TYPED WITH A RIBBON SOAKED IN SPECIALLY PREPARED DISAPPEARING INK! IF THE SUCKER DOESN'T OPEN IT SOON ENOUGH, HE'S HOLDING NOTHING BUT A BLANK PIECE OF PAPER IN HIS HANDS...!
IF HE DOES OPEN IT SOON ENOUGH... WE'VE TIMED THE DELIVERY SO THE INK WILL FADE BEFORE HE HAS TIME TO TURN THE LETTER OVER TO THE POLICE! WE CAN'T GO WRONG, GEORGE ...JUST SIT TIGHT, AND WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO MAKE A MILLION DOLLARS!
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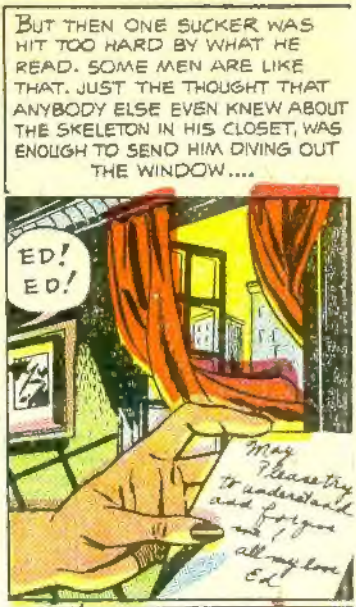
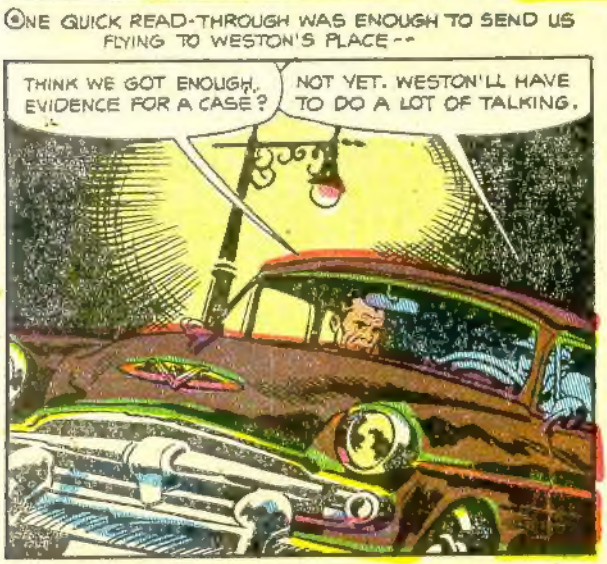
THE RACKET WENT SMOOTH AS SILK FOR A WHILE. EVERY SUCKER WHO READ HIS LETTER BEFORE IT FADED, DUG DOWN DEEP AND FAST FOR HUSH-MONEY.


BUT THEN ONE SUCKER WAS HIT TOO HARD BY WHAT HE READ. SOME MEN ARE LIKE THAT. JUST THE THOUGHT THAT ANYBODY ELSE EVEN KNEW ABOUT THE SKELETON IN HIS CLOSET, WAS ENOUGH TO SEND HIM DIVING OUT THE WINDOW....
ED! ED!
May I learn to understand and forgive and I am all my love Ed

THAT'S WHEN YOURS TRULY CAME INTO THE PICTURE...
FIND ANYTHING ON HIM?
NOTHING BUT A CRUMPLED SHEET OF BLANK PAPER IN HIS POCKET.

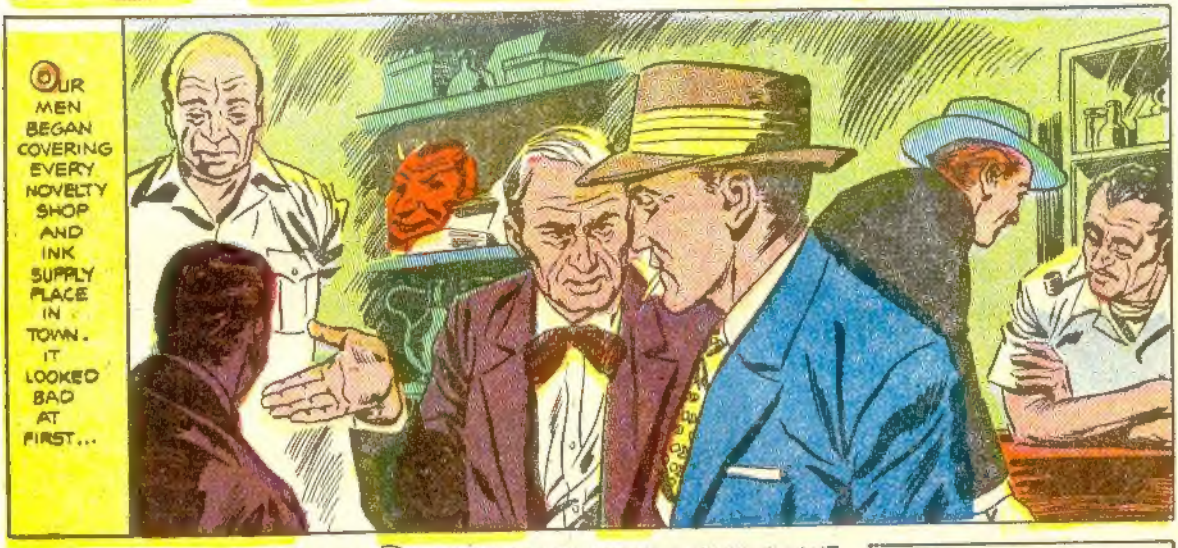
THE BLANK PAPER WAS TURNED OVER TO THE LAB --
ANY LUCK?
ENOUGH. THERE WAS TYPING ON IT, ALL RIGHT --THAT MEANS EVEN THOUGH THE INK FADED, KEYS LEFT IMPRESSIONS ON THE PAPER. ALL WE HAD TO DO WAS DUST THE SURFACE AND HOLD IT UP IN FRONT OF A FLOOD LIGHT.


ONE QUICK READ-THROUGH WAS ENOUGH TO SEND US FLYING TO WESTON'S PLACE--
THINK WE GOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE FOR A CASE?
NOT YET. WESTON'LL HAVE TO DO A LOT OF TALKING.

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

WHEN WE TOLD WESTON'S PUBLISHER WHAT HAD BEEN GOING ON ---
THIS IS TERRIBLE! IF I'D EVER KNOWN --
NOBODY'S BLAMING YOU, MISTER. BUT NEXT TIME YOU HIRE A COLUMNIST TRY TO MAKE SURE HE WORKS ONLY FOR THE PAPER.

WHAT NOW?
CALL ALL THE BOYS IN. LOTS OF PAVEMENT POUNDING AHEAD. THERE'S A CHANCE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO TRACE THAT DISAPPEARING INK.



BUT THEN...
HMMM... YEAH --- THINK I REMEMBER A SPECIAL ORDER LIKE THAT. TOOK A LOT OF WORK. INK HAD TO BE APPLIED TO A TYPEWRITER RIBBON, AND THEN HAD TO FADE INSIDE OF AN HOUR. LET ME CHECK MY ORDER BOOK...!

DIDN'T TAKE LONG AFTER THAT TO PICK UP THE MAN WHO'D ORDERED THE INK---
ONE OF YOUR GANG'S DEAD ALREADY..! THE OTHERS KNOW YOU'RE HERE. SO TALK OR NOT --IF WE LET YOU GO --THEY'LL HAVE TO SHUT YOU UP TO MAKE SURE!

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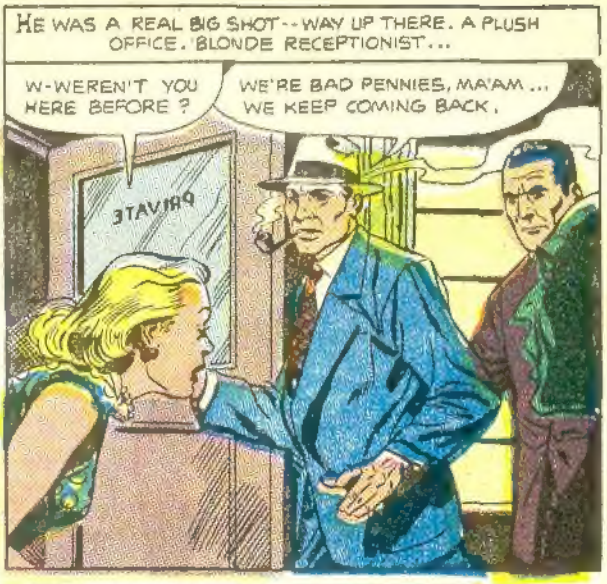
HE WAS A REAL BIG SHOT--WAY UP THERE. A PLUSH OFFICE. BLONDE RECEPTIONIST...
W-WEREN'T YOU HERE BEFORE ?
WE'RE BAD PENNIES, MA'AM... WE KEEP COMING BACK.

GUESS WHO THE BOSS TURNED OUT TO BE ? THAT'S RIGHT..., *THE OWNER OF THE BLADE HIMSELF!*

SHOULD'VE KNOWN FROM THE START THAT ANYONE WITH THE GALL TO RUN A SHEET LIKE YOURS, WOULD BE LOW ENOUGH TO COOK UP A BLACKMAIL SCHEME.

WHAT HAPPENED ? DID GEORGE WESTON START CRACKING WHEN HE HEARD ONE OF THE LETTERS HAD DRIVEN A MAN TO SUICIDE ? DID WESTON SAY HE WAS COMING TO US..? IS *THAT* WHY YOU HAD HIM RUBBED OUT ?

HE BEGAN OPENING UP AT HEADQUARTERS. TURNED OUT THE NEWSPAPER HAD BEEN LOSING CIRCULATION FOR YEARS..
I--I WAS IN TOO DEEP. I HAD TO LAY MY HANDS ON MONEY SOMEHOW.
AS SIMPLE AS THAT, HUH ? YOU NEEDED MONEY. DIDN'T MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE GOT HURT.
D.A. SAY IT'LL BE AN OPEN-AND-SHUT CASE, DAVE.

TAKE HIM TO A CELL...THEN CALL IN THE NEWSMEN. THE DECENT ONES. TELL THEM I HAVE A *BIG ITEM* FOR THEM... ALL ABOUT AN EX-COMPETITOR OF THEIRS WHO THOUGHT HE WAS SMARTER THAN THE LAW !
YOU READ ALL ABOUT THE TRIAL IN THE PAPERS. ABOUT THE CONVICTION TOO. BUT THIS IS THE WHOLE STORY FROM THE START. I KNOW. I WORK FOR THE CITY. DAVE SLOAN'S THE NAME ...DETECTIVE, FIRST GRADE.
THE END

MY NAME IS SIDNEY MIDNER. I EXPOSE CROOKED GAMBLERS OF ALL DESCRIPTION BY EXPLAINING AND DEMONSTRATING THEIR METHODS IN LECTURES FROM COAST TO COAST. THIS STORY IS BASED ON ACTUAL DATA FROM MY FILES... WE PICK IT UP AT THE CLOSE OF ONE OF MY DEMONSTRATIONS...
GAMBLERS WON'T GAMBLE!
THEY PREFER A "SURE THING" UNTIL IT CATCHES UP WITH THEM
Tyler & Giordano

AND THAT, GENTLEMEN, SHOULD CONVINCE YOU NEVER TO PLAY CARDS FOR MONEY... PARTICULARLY WITH STRANGERS!

A SWELL SHOW, SID! NOW I WANT YOU TO MEET ALFRED GRAHAM. HE WANTS TO TELL YOU OF A RECENT EXPERIENCE.
GO RIGHT AHEAD, MR. GRAHAM.

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

"IT ALL BEGAN IN THE CLUB CAR WHEN I WAS ON THE WAY TO FLORIDA.
THIS CANASTA IS A DREARY GAME MISTER HOW ABOUT JOINING US IN A ROUND OF STUD POKER?
FINE... BUT SUPPOSE WE ADJOURN TO THE PRIVACY OF MY DRAWING ROOM? AND PERHAPS THIS GENTLEMAN WILL JOIN US.
KELTON IS THE NAME, JUNIUS KELTON I AM GETTING SO NEAR-SIGHTED I CAN SCARCELY SEE THE CARDS... AND I HAVE TO WEAR TINTED GLASSES BECAUSE OF THE SUN'S GLARE.
FIVE AND TEN CENTS IS OUR LIMIT, GENTLEMEN!
YOU'RE SURE LUCKY, GRAHAM! YOU'RE THE BIG WINNER SO FAR.
LET'S BOOST THE GAME TO TEN-TWENTY, SO WE CAN BREAK EVEN!
ALL RIGHT BY ME.
SEVEN CARD STUD IS FULL OF SURPRISES, MR. GRAHAM. MY FOUR JACKS BEAT YOUR FULL HOUSE!
WITH THE LIMIT UP TO FIVE BUCKS!
ONE MOMENT THERE, FELLOW! YOU DON'T DEAL ACES FROM THE BOTTOM IN THIS GAME! PAY UP AND GET OUT!
I WAS LOSING MORE THAN I COULD AFFORD
I NEVER SAW THIS GUY BEFORE...
GET OUT!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

I'M GLAD YOU'RE THE WINNER, KELTON, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE MY CHECK FOR THE $5000. THAT I OWE!
LOOK THROUGH THAT PACK THOSE BOUNDERS BROUGHT HERE, GRAHAM. IF ANY CARDS ARE MARKED, OUR BETS ARE OFF!
NOT A MARKED CARD IN THE DECK, KELTON.
JUST THE SAME GRAHAM, I DON'T LIKE TO TAKE YOUR MONEY. I'M TEARING UP THIS CHECK YOU GAVE ME.
BUT KELTON, YOU WON FAIRLY I CERTAINLY OWE YOU SOMETHING.
LET'S SPLIT THE DIFFERERENCE, THEN. WRITE ME A CHECK FOR $2500 AND WE'LL CALL IT SQUARE
KELTON MUST HAVE LEFT THE TRAIN AND HOPPED BACK TO NEW YORK BY PLANE, BECAUSE BY THE TIME I REACHED MIAMI, BOTH CHECKS HAD GONE THROUGH MY BANK! HERE THEY ARE
THE "TEAR-UP" IS AN OLD GAME, MR GRAHAM... KELTON SWITCHED IN A DUMMY WHILE YOU WERE EXAMINING THE DECK... NICKING YOU FOR THAT SECOND CHECK WAS AN ADDED TWIST... BUT YOUR ONLY WAY TO NAIL KELTON IS TO CATCH HIM AT THE SAME GAME!
I'VE DONE JUST THAT, RADNER! I HAD HIM SHADOWED BY A PRIVATE DETECTIVE WHO IS RIDING NORTH WITH HIM NOW. I WANT YOU TO FLY DOWN AND MEET THEIR TRAIN!
A GREAT IDEA, MR. GRAHAM.
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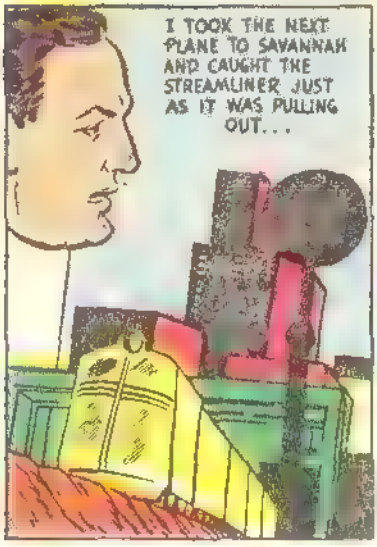
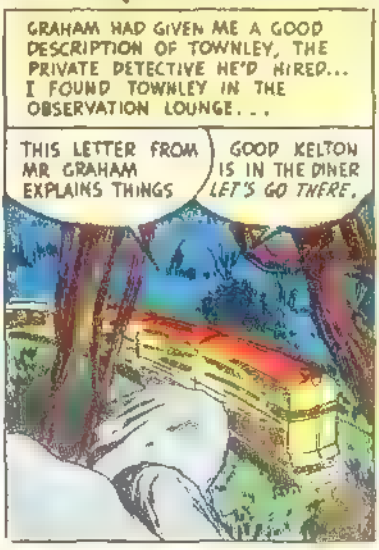
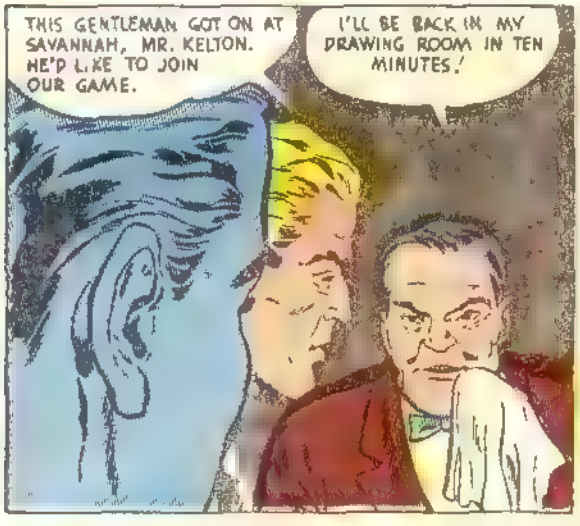
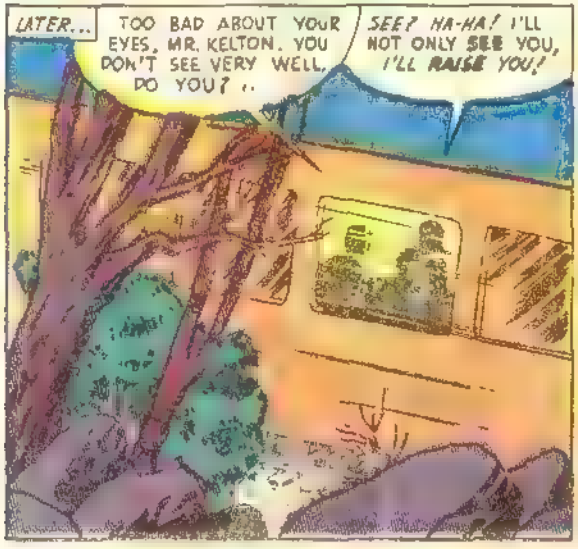
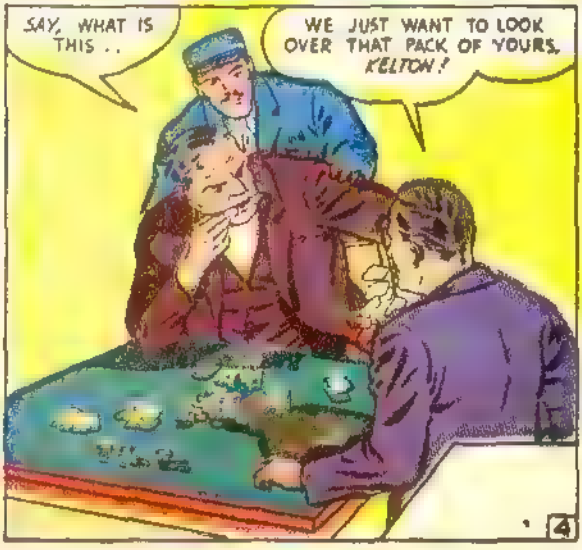



GRAHAM HAD GIVEN ME A GOOD DESCRIPTION OF TOWNLEY, THE PRIVATE DETECTIVE HE'D HIRED... I FOUND TOWNLEY IN THE OBSERVATION LOUNGE...
THIS LETTER FROM MR GRAHAM EXPLAINS THINGS
GOOD KELTON IS IN THE DINER LET'S GO THERE.



SINCE HE'S TAKING ON THE TWO OF US, KELTON IS PLAYING A LONE HAND THIS TRIP.
HERE ARE MY CREDENTIALS CONDUCTOR. WE'LL CALL WHEN WE NEED YOU
RIGHT!





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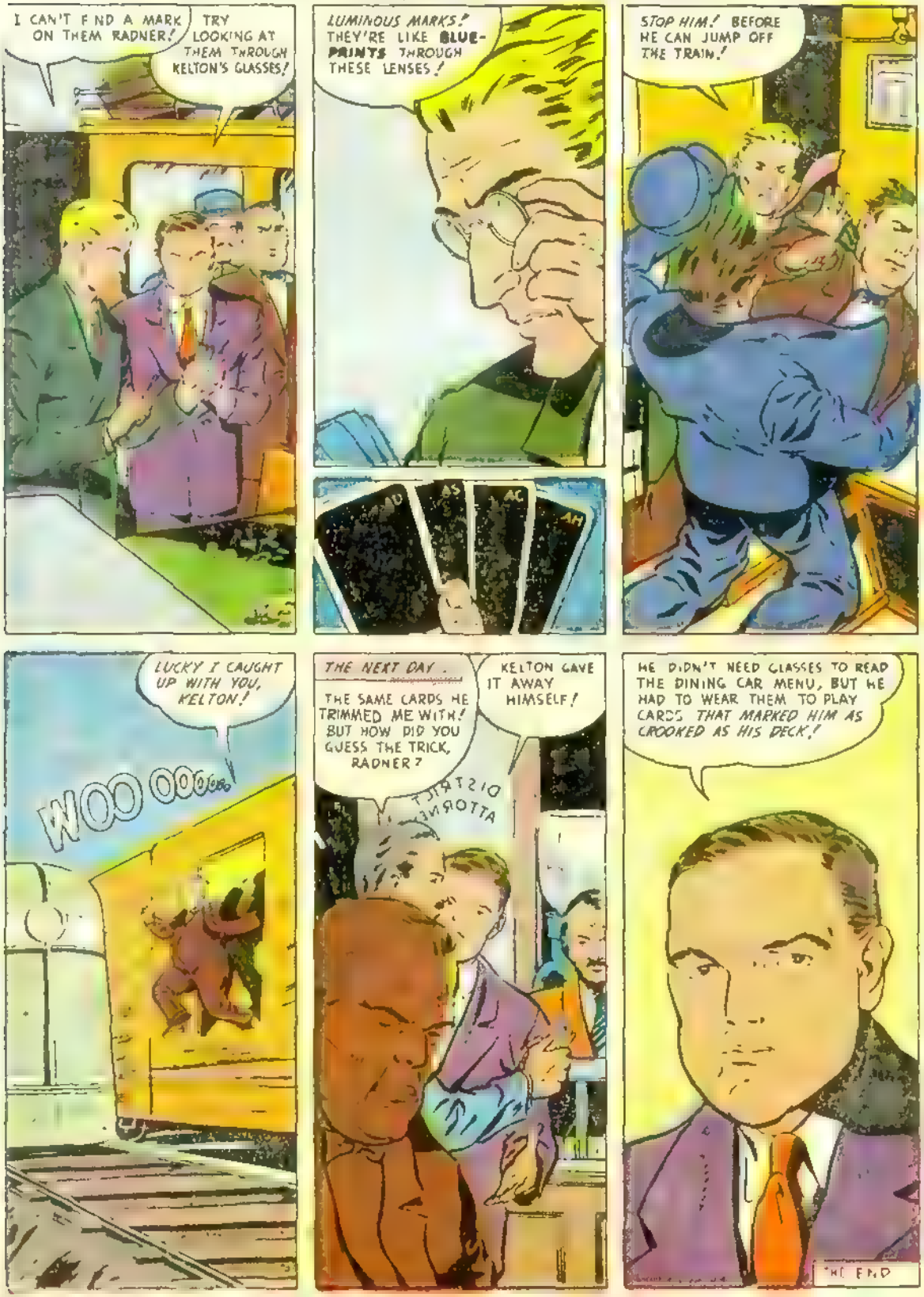
I CAN'T FIND A MARK ON THEM RADNER!
TRY LOOKING AT THEM THROUGH KELTON'S GLASSES!
LUMINOUS MARKS! THEY'RE LIKE BLUE-PRINTS THROUGH THESE LENSES!
AD
AS
AC
AH
STOP HIM! BEFORE HE CAN JUMP OFF THE TRAIN!
LUCKY I CAUGHT UP WITH YOU, KELTON!
WOO OOOeee!
THE NEXT DAY .
THE SAME CARDS HE TRIMMED ME WITH! BUT HOW DID YOU GUESS THE TRICK, RADNER?
KELTON GAVE IT AWAY HIMSELF!
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
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THE END

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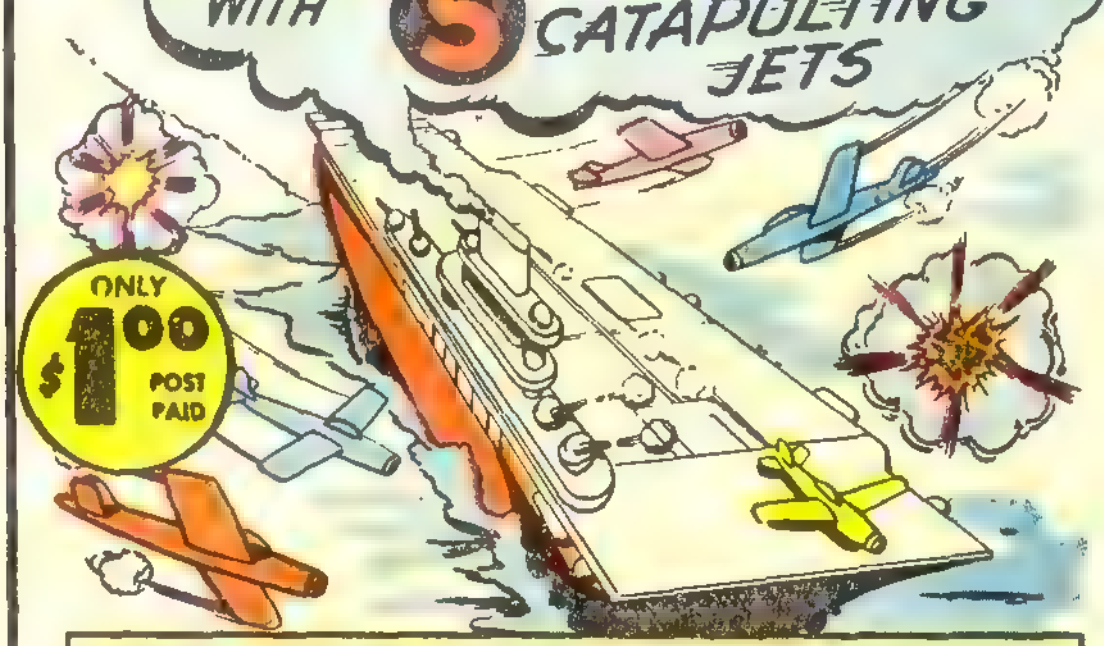

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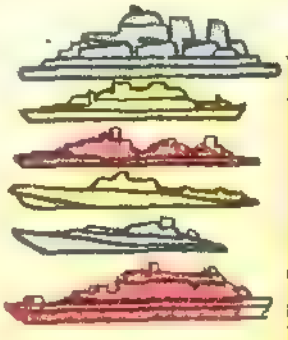

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Stanley Converse was to be married in less than a week, married to Grace Keefe. He had kissed her the night before and had whispered soft words of love in her ear as he took his leave. It hardly had seemed the time to tell her he had lost his job and that he was badly in debt. That was no way to treat a woman you were about to marry. All he needed, anyway, was an opportunity and things would soon be as smooth as silk.

The night of Thursday, August 9th, 1901, was hot and sultry. The youth walked down the road in the suburb of Columbus, Ohio. Far away the hoot of a train whistle shattered the almost deadly stillness of the night. In his mind Stanley Converse saw the engine with its cargo of freight and expressage puffing smoke and steam as it rounded the bend. He knew that train. He knew all the trains in and out of Columbus. Until a couple of months ago that had been his work. Express.

And it ran through his mind as he thought of the trains and the cargoes of the trains that there might lie his opportunity. Not in the romantic kind of train holdup one read about in the paper covered novels that glared on the newsstands and cigar store racks. Rather it would be a foolproof opportunity, in which there would not be a chance in the world that he even would be caught. Who in a thousand years would ever look to him as a doer of a deed of crime,—with his excellent social prestige, his fine manners, his being betrothed to the daughter of one of Columbus's prominent citizens? The idea intrigued him. He smiled as he planned. Converse had selected the kind of opportunity of which he would avail himself.

The express in the late afternoon of August 10, 1901, roared into the Columbus sub station. Finally it ground to a stop. A young man got aboard without fuss or feathers. A well mannered, soft-spoken youth he was, who, instead of seating himself in the day coach, walked through to the baggage car and pushed open the door.

Carter Varian, a young man in charge of the expressage, who collected fees along the way, and used the baggage car as an office in which to render his accounts, looked up and grinned at the well dressed intruder.

"Hello, Converse," he said in greeting. "Golly, you're dressed up. You got the day off today? Or are you working nights?"

Varian raised his brows. "No?" he asked. "Got another job?"

"I'm going to see about one now," said Converse easily.

Converse smiled disarmingly. "Neither, Carter. I'm no longer working for the express company."

The train whistled as it pulled away from the station. The time was not quite right yet. About half way to the next station would be the most logical place. He'd have to stall for fifteen minutes or so.

"Well, sit down on a crate or something," Varian said. "Make yourself at home. I want to count up these receipts if you don't mind, because I go off duty at the next station."

"Go right ahead," Converse replied, keeping his eye closely on the safe in the corner of the car. Varian rose from his desk, a crude packing-box affair, and inserted a key in the lock.

Varian was almost through with his checking when Converse decided that the time was right. He merely took the gun he carried from his pocket and began to fire into Varian's back. At the first shot Varian rose, startled, turned in horror toward his assailant.

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"Good grief, why do you want

Carter Varian got no further Succeeding shots closed his lips forever

Stanley Converse, his pockets lined with over twelve hundred dollars in cash, casually left the door of the baggage car, locked it after him with the key he had removed from Varian's body, walked into the day coach and left the train, along with other passengers.

He would just be about in time to have dinner with Grace, he thought Then the two of them could go down into town and do some shopping for their new home

Tears of love and admiration filled the girl's eyes as she received the nine hundred dollars from her hero. It would go into the bank the next day and would establish a nest egg for the future

"I feel that I hardly deserve such a wonderful man as you, Stan," she said

He was on top of the world, he thought to himself. He had seized his opportunity. And now all his troubles were over.

The body was found by another railroad worker at the Union depot. Immediately the police were summoned. They did not waste a moment and that very night they were combing the car, the tracks, questioning the passengers for evidence, for clues. There were none. Perhaps it was as Stanley Converse thought. Perhaps he would get in the clear. But Converse did not know the police very well.

By night they had found out the last station at which the unfortunate Varian had been seen alive. They found a person who had noticed a handsome, gentlemanly young man get off the train. Then, guessing that the killer had been familiar with the workings of the railroad, they questioned station employees and learned of a young man's loitering about the suburban station A man they remembered vaguely as being employed in the express company.

They learned a name from the express company They learned a rooming house address They found a gun hidden in a hotel where a stranger had stayed. They had enough evidence to convict Converse before they arrested him.

That took place on the following Sunday afternoon, as the callous youth sat calmly enjoying the summer's afternoon with his beloved, on the lawn of the Keefe home.

The shocked and horrified girl became hysterical. She loved Converse deeply. She stood loyally by him throughout his trial, but would not perjure herself for him. Her evidence, straightforward and honest, helped to send the young man to his execution. It broke her heart

The man died on the 1st of March, 1901 He had learned a sad lesson, too late. There is NO opportunity in crime.

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ART for ART TORGAN'S Sake!

RIGHT NOW ART TORGAN FELT LOWER THAN A WHALE BONE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN. HE WAS A CON MAN WHOSE RACKET HAD DRIED UP, AND HE HAD JUST ABOUT AS MANY BANKNOTES IN HIS WALLET AS A BLANK WALL HAS POLKA DOTS ...

ART TOOK A GOOD LOOK AT THE MAN WHO WAS TREATING HIM. ART LIKED WHAT HE SAW. THIS LUSH WAS LOADED WITH SOMETHING BESIDES LIQUOR ....

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YOU AN' ME...BOTH (HIC) OF US ARE VERY SAD TONIGHT RIGHT ?
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN !
TERRBLE THING HAPPENED TODAY ! THERE WAS THIS REMBRANDT... MOSHT BEAUTIFUL PANTING I'VE EVER SEEN...WOULD GLADLY HAVE GIVEN $50 000 FOR IT ..BUT THE DEALER D ALREADY SOLD IT !
THANKS FOR LISHENING TO MY STORY, FRIEND ! BE SEEING YOU AGAIN SOME TIME ...THISH IS MY FAVORITE BAR !
FIFTY GRAND FOR A PANTING! HMMMM--- WONDER IF THERE'S AN ANGLE IN THIS FOR YOURS TRULY... ?
ART DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME PUMPING THE BAR-TENDER .
HM ? THAT'S GEORGE SIMPSON ! HE'S GOT MORE DOUGH THAN A MONGREL'S GOT FLEAS...! THAT'S RIGHT --HE'S A BIG ART COLLECTOR . NUTS ABOUT THE STUFF . NO LIMIT TO WHAT HE'LL GIVE FOR A PAINTING HE LIKES...!
ART WAS SMILING WHEN HE LEFT THE BAR...
SOMETHING TELLS ME I'M GOING TO BE IN THE CHIPS AGAIN BEFORE LONG !
ONE THING YOU HAD TO SAY ABOUT ART--HE WAS METHODICAL . EVERY TIME HE TOOK A STAB AT A NEW RACKET, HE LEARNED THE BUSINESS FROM THE GROUND UP. HE SPENT THE NEXT TWO WEEKS MAKING THE ROUND OF ART GALLERIES...
INTERESTED IN ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR, SIR ?
YEAH... IN MY WALLET !
NO THANKS ! JUST LOOKING !

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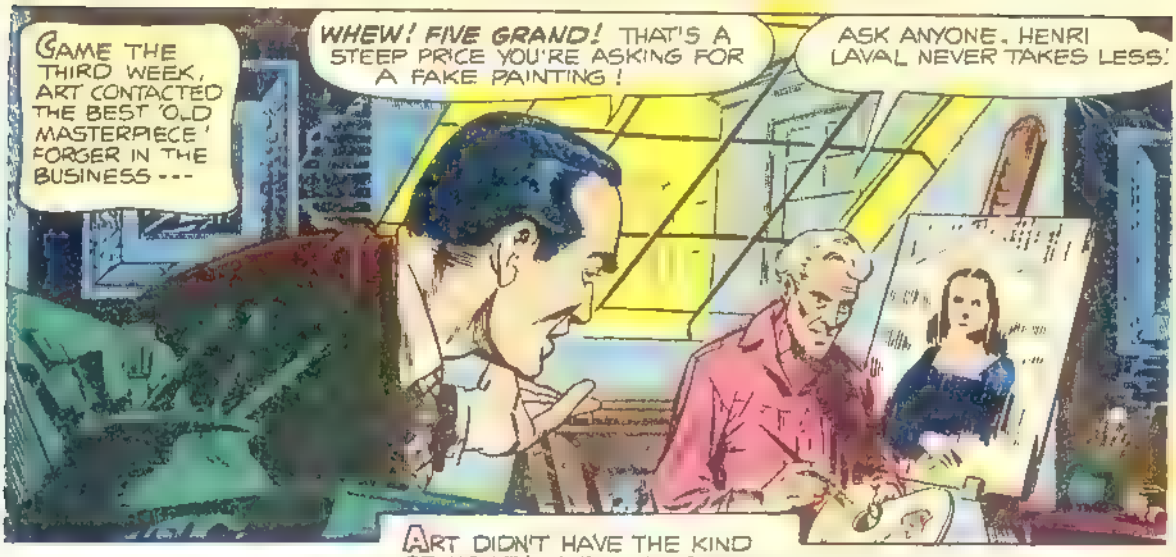
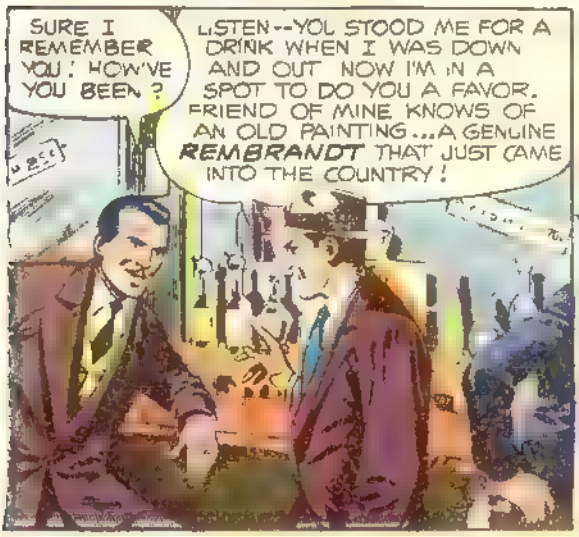

GAME THE THIRD WEEK, ART CONTACTED THE BEST 'OLD MASTERPIECE' FORGER IN THE BUSINESS ---
WHEW! FIVE GRAND! THAT'S A STEEP PRICE YOU'RE ASKING FOR A FAKE PAINTING!
ASK ANYONE. HENRI LAVAL NEVER TAKES LESS!

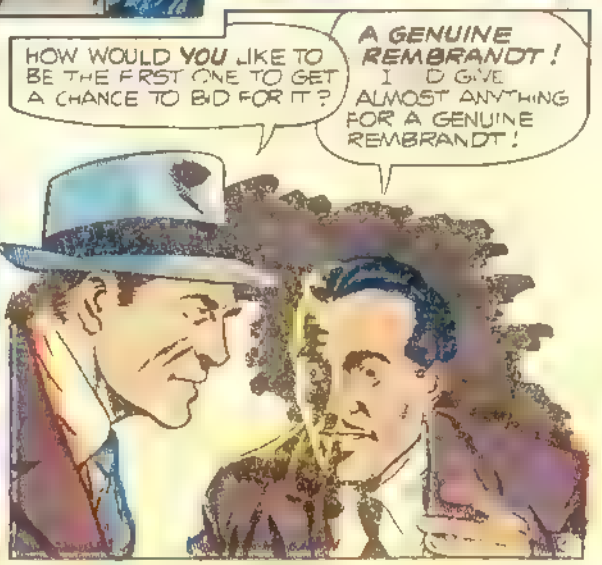
I DON'T GET IT! IF YOU GET PRICES LIKE THAT... HOW COME YOU LIVE IN THIS RAT-HOLE?
WHAT MAY BE A RAT-HOLE TO YOU, SIR... IS A PLACE OF BEAUTY TO ME!

ART DIDN'T HAVE THE KIND OF MONEY LAVAL WAS ASKING. SO THAT MEANT ART HAD TO CALL A 'MONEY-MAN' IN ON THE DEAL...

TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO! SOON AS I CONTACT THIS GEORGE SIMPSON, I'LL GIVE YOU A R.NG. I'LL MEET HIM AT THE BAR. YOU COME THERE WHILE I'M TALKING TO HIM. LISTEN TO EVERY-THING WE SAY---AND IF IT DOESN'T SMELL RIGHT, DON'T STAKE ME!

A FEW NIGHTS LATER...


SURE I REMEMBER YOU! HOW'VE YOU BEEN?
LISTEN--YOU STOOD ME FOR A DRINK WHEN I WAS DOWN AND OUT NOW I'M IN A SPOT TO DO YOU A FAVOR. FRIEND OF MINE KNOWS OF AN OLD PAINTING...A GENUINE REMBRANDT THAT JUST CAME INTO THE COUNTRY!


HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THE FIRST ONE TO GET A CHANCE TO BID FOR IT?
A GENUINE REMBRANDT! I D GIVE ALMOST ANYTHING FOR A GENUINE REMBRANDT!

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ART SHOT A QUICK GLANCE AT THE MONEY-MAN WHO WAS SITTING NEARBY. THE MONEY-MAN GAVE HIM THE SIGN THAT HE'D HEARD EVERYTHING...

AND EVERYTHING WAS OKAY....!

AND LATER THAT NIGHT...

HOW MUCH DO YOU NEED?

AT LEAST TEN GRAND! I HAVE TO PAY LAVAL FIVE...AND THEN I HAVE TO SET UP AT LEAST THREE PHONY ART EXPERTS!

THINGS WERE REALLY HUMMING NOW! LAVAL WAS HARD AT WORK ON THE 'GENUINE' REMBRANDT...AND ART WAS BUSY GROOMING THE PHONY ART EXPERTS, AND PRIMING THE WELL-HEELED SUCKER!

THIS WAS THE NIGHT! LAVAL HAD PHONED TO SAY THE 'MASTERPIECE' WAS READY...

UGGGHH— I GET THE CREEPS EVERY TIME I COME TO THIS CRUMMY JOINT!

THAT'S IT... HUH? YOU'RE A REAL STICK-UP ARTIST, LAVAL, CHARGING FIVE GRAND FOR---

DIDN'T I TELL YOU? THE PRICE IS NOW $6,000. THE PAINTING TOOK MORE TIME THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD.

WHAT?!

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT. I CAN GET AS MUCH ELSEWHERE....!

HOW In 10 Minutes of Fun a Day
YOU Can Become
AN AMAZING NEW
3-D HIS-MAN
FREE
May be LAST CHANCE before $1 price goes back!
I gained 70 lbs of MIGHTY MUSCLE
to each ARM
10 inches to my CHEST says Ken Grimm.
I GAINED 53 lbs. OF SHAPELY
We mailed coupon! Yes, PAL—NOW
YOU
MAIL THE COUPON BELOW
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$100
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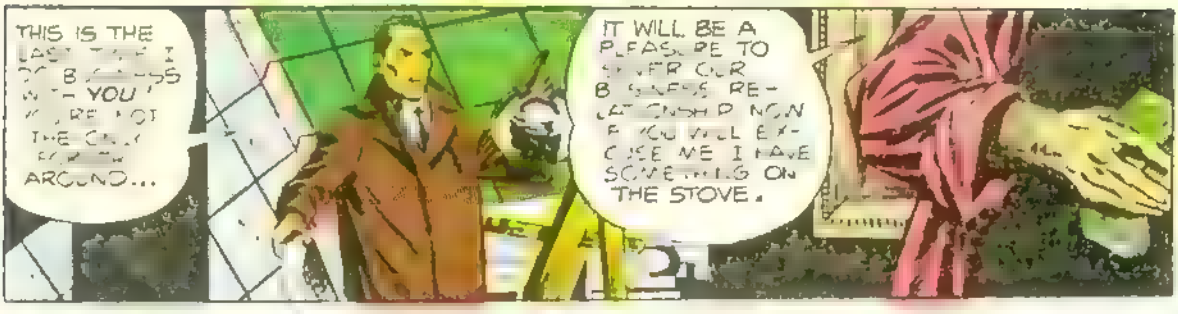
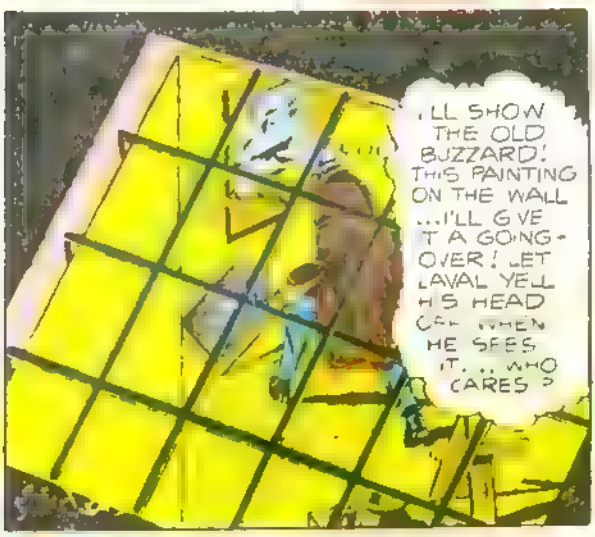
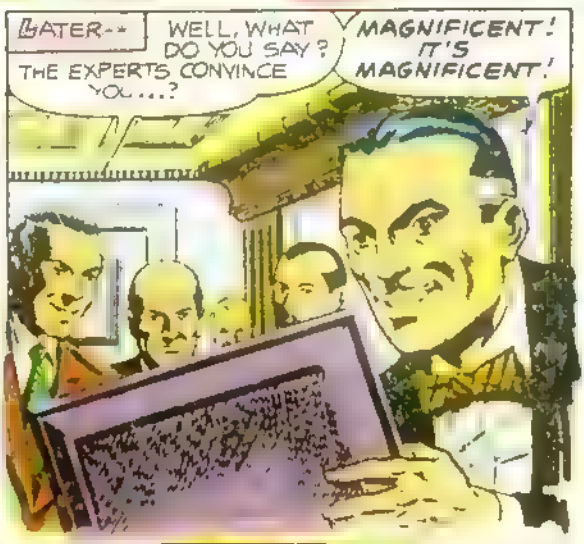
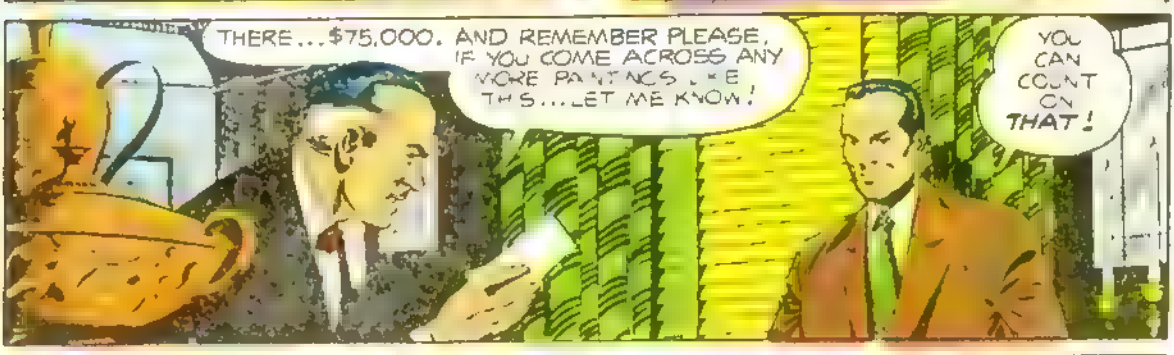
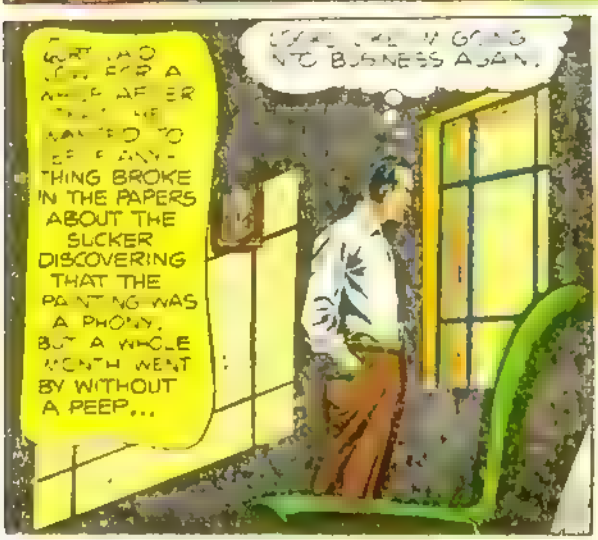
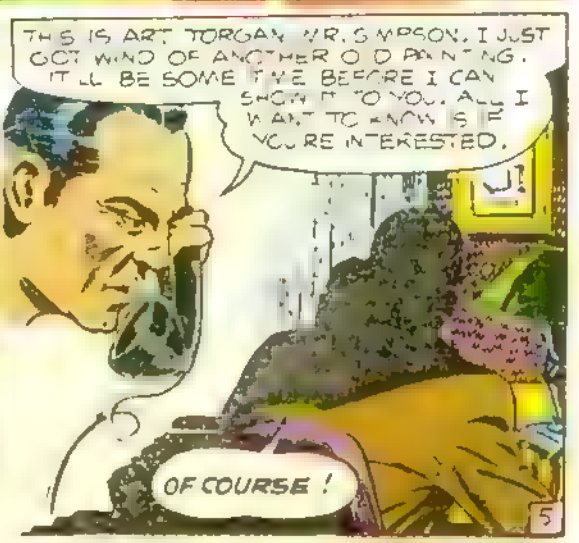

THIS IS THE LAST TIME I [illegible] BUSINESS WITH YOU! I'M NOT THE ONLY [illegible] AROUND...
IT WILL BE A PLEASURE TO RESUME OUR BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP NOW IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME I HAVE SOMETHING ON THE STOVE.


I'LL SHOW THE OLD BUZZARD! THIS PAINTING ON THE WALL ...I'LL GIVE IT A GOING-OVER! LET LAVAL YELL HIS HEAD OFF WHEN HE SEES IT... WHO CARES?






[illegible] I'M GOING INTO BUSINESS AGAIN.
[illegible] WAS OVER A WEEK AFTER [illegible] WANTED TO BE SURE ANYTHING BROKE IN THE PAPERS ABOUT THE SUCKER DISCOVERING THAT THE PAINTING WAS A PHONY. BUT A WHOLE MONTH WENT BY WITHOUT A PEEP...


THIS IS ART TORGAN MR. SIMPSON. I JUST GOT WIND OF ANOTHER OLD PAINTING. IT'LL BE SOME TIME BEFORE I CAN SHOW IT TO YOU. ALL I WANT TO KNOW IS IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.
OF COURSE!

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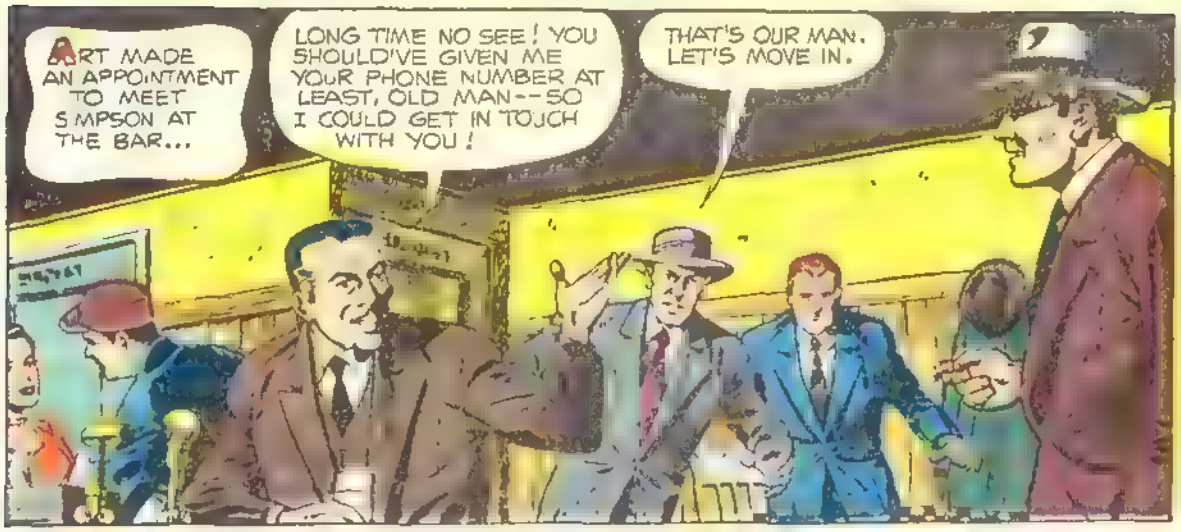
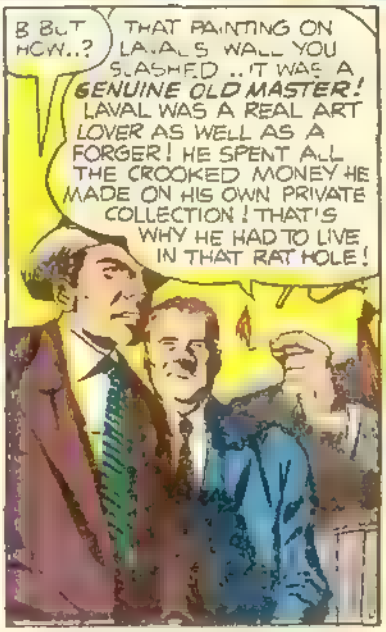
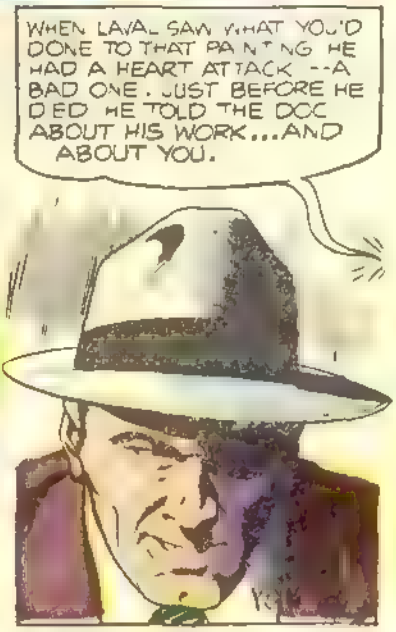
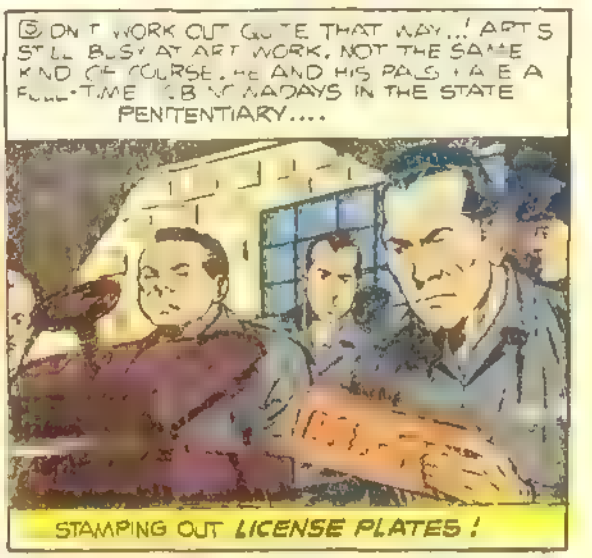

ART MADE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET SIMPSON AT THE BAR...
LONG TIME NO SEE! YOU SHOULD'VE GIVEN ME YOUR PHONE NUMBER AT LEAST, OLD MAN--SO I COULD GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU!
THAT'S OUR MAN. LET'S MOVE IN.

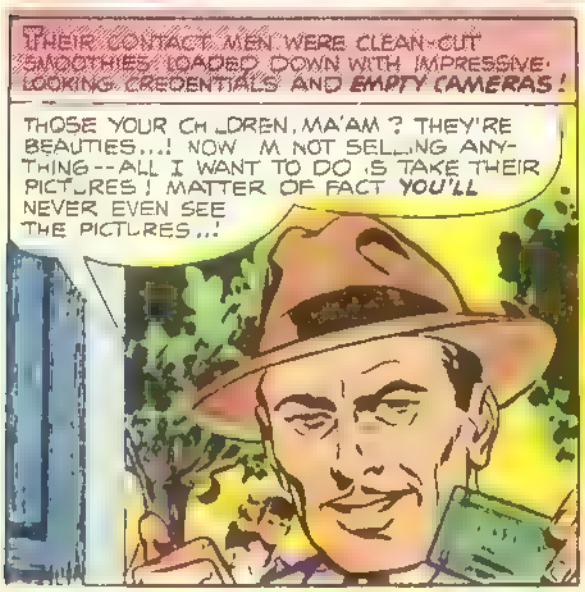

B BUT HOW..?
THAT PAINTING ON LAVAL'S WALL YOU SLASHED..IT WAS A GENUINE OLD MASTER! LAVAL WAS A REAL ART LOVER AS WELL AS A FORGER! HE SPENT ALL THE CROOKED MONEY HE MADE ON HIS OWN PRIVATE COLLECTION! THAT'S WHY HE HAD TO LIVE IN THAT RAT HOLE!

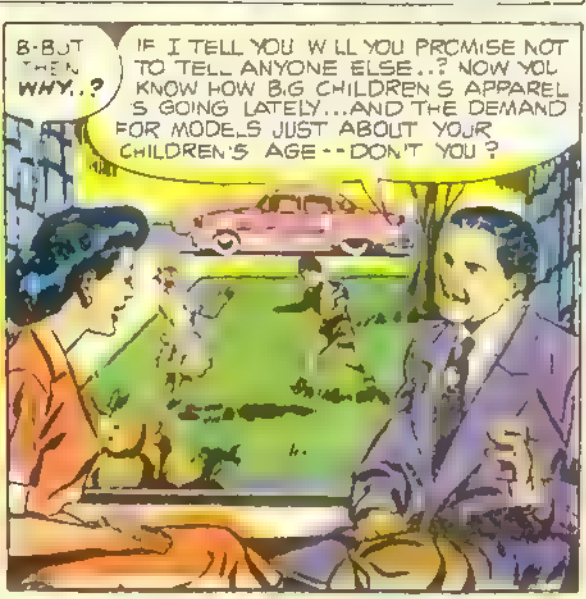

WHEN LAVAL SAW WHAT YOU'D DONE TO THAT PAINTING HE HAD A HEART ATTACK --A BAD ONE. JUST BEFORE HE DIED HE TOLD THE DOC ABOUT HIS WORK...AND ABOUT YOU.

YOU LAID LOW AND WE COULDN'T LAY OUR HANDS ON YOU. SO WE SPREAD THE WORD TO ALL ART DEALERS AND COLLECTORS. AND SOON AS YOU CALLED MR. SIMPSON, HE WAS ONLY TOO GLAD TO CONTACT US!
GUESS THIS ENDS UP YOUR ART DEALINGS, TORGAN.


DON'T WORK OUT QUITE THAT WAY..! ART'S STILL BUSY AT ART WORK. NOT THE SAME KIND OF COURSE. HE AND HIS PALS HAVE A FULL-TIME JOB NOWADAYS IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY....
STAMPING OUT LICENSE PLATES!

LOOK at the BIRDIE!!


THEIR CONTACT MEN WERE CLEAN-CUT SMOOTHIES, LOADED DOWN WITH IMPRESSIVE-LOOKING CREDENTIALS AND EMPTY CAMERAS!
THOSE YOUR CHILDREN, MA'AM? THEY'RE BEAUTIES...! NOW I'M NOT SELLING ANYTHING--ALL I WANT TO DO IS TAKE THEIR PICTURES! MATTER OF FACT YOU'LL NEVER EVEN SEE THE PICTURES...!


B-BUT THEN WHY..?
IF I TELL YOU WILL YOU PROMISE NOT TO TELL ANYONE ELSE..? NOW YOU KNOW HOW BIG CHILDREN'S APPAREL IS GOING LATELY...AND THE DEMAND FOR MODELS JUST ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN'S AGE--DON'T YOU?

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

THE TRUTH IS--HAVE YOU EVER MET A MOTHER WHO COULD RESIST A PATTER LIKE THAT ?

WATCH THE BIRDIE!

MR-WHEN CAN I EXPECT TO HEAR FROM YOU ?

I'M NOT MAKING ANY PROMISES, MA'AM. COULD BE INSIDE A MONTH...COULD BE NEVER!

THAT'S HOW THEY WORKED--FAST AND SMOOTH--COVERING THE WHOLE CITY WITHOUT A SINGLE PROMISE--BUT SURE AS TAXES, RAISING A LOT OF HIGH HOPES...!

THEY FOLLOWED UP WITH A WHOLE MONTH OF DEAD SILENCE--NOT A PEEP OF CONTACT!

YOU EVER HEAR FROM THAT PHOTOGRAPHER YOU TOLD ME ABOUT HON ?

I-I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT. HE THOUGHT THE CHILDREN WERE SO BEAUTIFUL...BUT THERE'S BEEN NOTHING FROM HIM IN THE MAIL!

THEIR NEXT MOVE WAS A REAL CUTE...

YOU HERE TO MAKE A COMPLAINT MISTER ?

I WANT THAT MAN FOUND AND ARRESTED! HE TOOK MY LITTLE GIRL'S PICTURE--AND NOW I HEAR HE TOOK A LOT OF OTHERS TOO--AND THERE'S A BIG CONTEST FOR THE PRETTIEST ONE--AND HE SAYS MY LITTLE GIRL DIDN'T QUALIFY.

WHOAA MISTER! WE CAN'T HELP YOU ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

BUT MY LITTLE GIRL'S PRETTY AS A DOLL! YOU SHOULD SEE HER CURLS.

HMMM...SOUNDS LIKE A HUMAN INTEREST PIECE WORTH AT LEAST A HALF COLUMN!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

THEY WERE SUCK ALL RIGHT. THEY D KNOWN THEY COULD COUNT ON A NEWSHAWK STEPPING IN IF ***THEIR MAN*** YELLED LOUD ENOUGH !

I'M FROM THE HERALD. WANT TO TELL ME YOUR BEEF ? A NEWSPAPER STORY MIGHT HELP YOU OUT .

AND THEY D FIGURED RIGHT ON HOW THE SUCKERS WOULD REACT TO THE STORY TOO ...

DID YOU SEE THIS ? THE PHOTOGRAPHER THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT MUST BE THE SAME ONE WHO TOOK OUR KIDS PICTURES !

WH-WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A ***CONTEST*** ?

HEY--- WHAT S THE LONG FACE FOR ?

OUR CHILDREN ... D.DN'T QLALIFY FOR THE CONTEST EITHER.

NOW THE ***BIG*** FOLLOW-UP ... THOUSANDS OF "QUALIFYNG" LETTERS FLOODING THE MA L !

DAVE...GUESS WHAT ! OUR CH LDREN ***DID*** QUALIFY AFTER AL ! IT S A NATION-WIDE CONTEST : ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS G VE A TEN DOLLAR ENTRY FEE FOR EACH ONE ---AND THERE S A CHANCE FOR A $25,000 PR ZE !

THAT WAS THE WHOLE RACKET--- FROM BEGINNING TO END ! F.RST THE PHONY PHOTOGRAPHERS WITH THE EMPTY CAMERAS...THEN THE LONG WAIT...THEN THE PHONY COMPLAINANT AT THE POLICE STA- ON...THEN THE NEWSPAPER STORY . THEN THE GLAL FYING LETTERS . AND FINALLY THE TEN DOLLAR B LLS A_L FLOODING THE MA _ N THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION .

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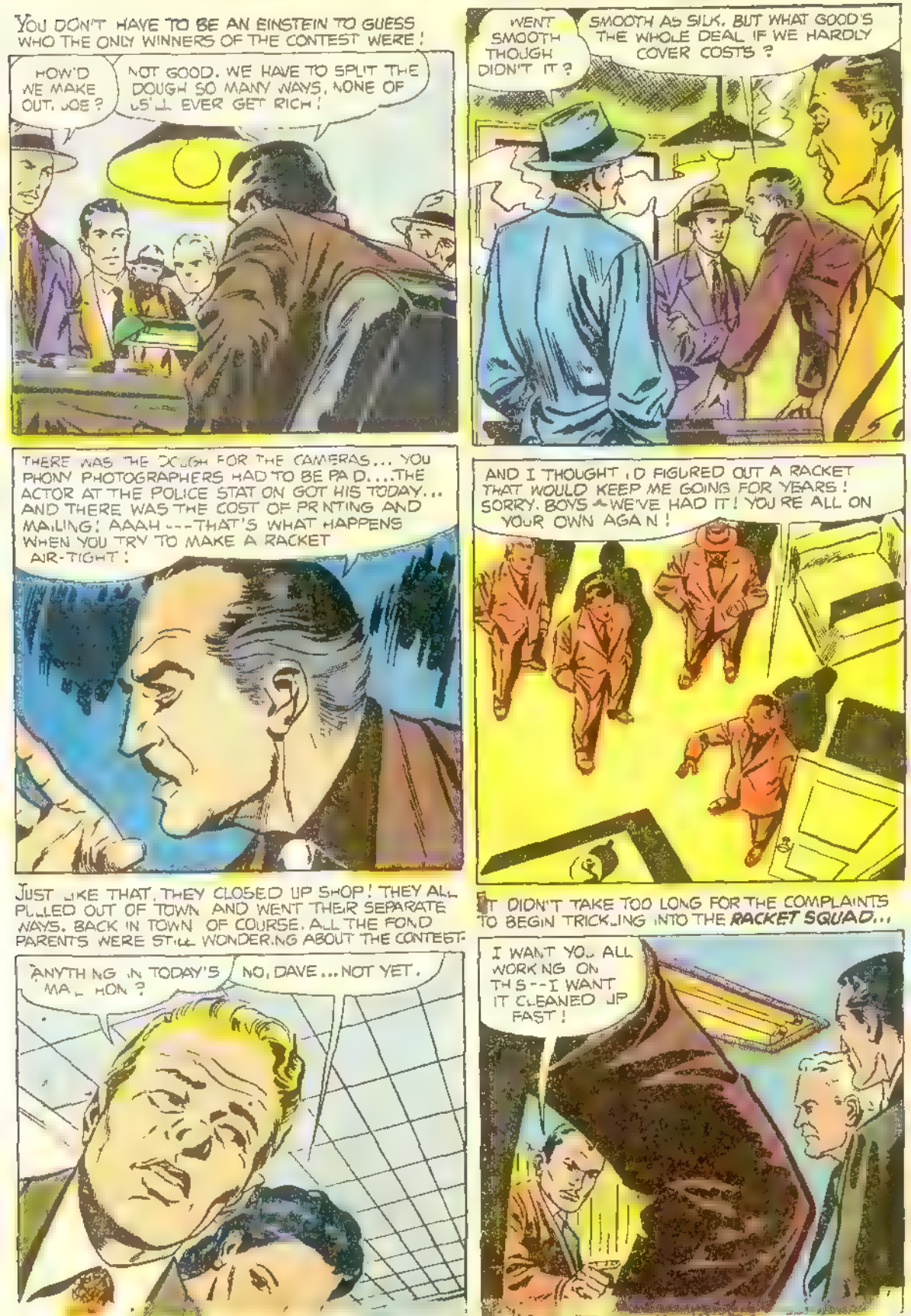
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN EINSTEIN TO GUESS WHO THE ONLY WINNERS OF THE CONTEST WERE!
HOW'D WE MAKE OUT, JOE?
NOT GOOD. WE HAVE TO SPLIT THE DOUGH SO MANY WAYS, NONE OF US'LL EVER GET RICH!
WENT SMOOTH THOUGH DIDN'T IT?
SMOOTH AS SILK. BUT WHAT GOOD'S THE WHOLE DEAL IF WE HARDLY COVER COSTS?
THERE WAS THE DOUGH FOR THE CAMERAS... YOU PHONY PHOTOGRAPHERS HAD TO BE PAID....THE ACTOR AT THE POLICE STATION GOT HIS TODAY... AND THERE WAS THE COST OF PRINTING AND MAILING! AAAH ---THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU TRY TO MAKE A RACKET AIR-TIGHT!
AND I THOUGHT I'D FIGURED OUT A RACKET THAT WOULD KEEP ME GOING FOR YEARS! SORRY, BOYS — WE'VE HAD IT! YOU'RE ALL ON YOUR OWN AGAIN!
JUST LIKE THAT, THEY CLOSED UP SHOP! THEY ALL PULLED OUT OF TOWN AND WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS. BACK IN TOWN OF COURSE, ALL THE FOND PARENTS WERE STILL WONDERING ABOUT THE CONTEST-
IT DIDN'T TAKE TOO LONG FOR THE COMPLAINTS TO BEGIN TRICKLING INTO THE RACKET SQUAD...
ANYTHING IN TODAY'S MAIL, HON?
NO, DAVE...NOT YET.
I WANT YOU ALL WORKING ON THIS--I WANT IT CLEANED UP FAST!

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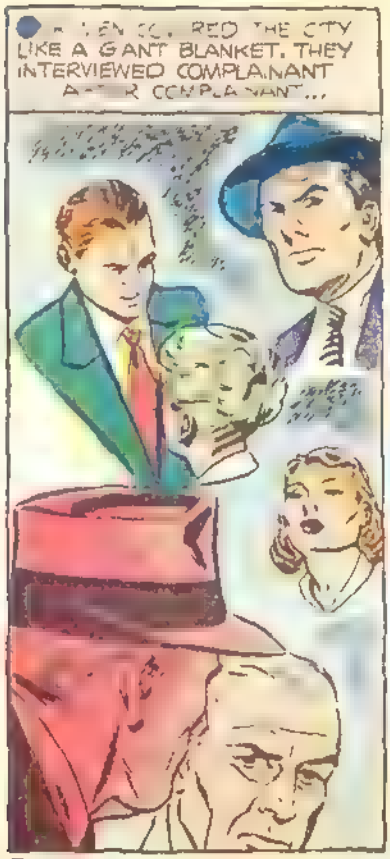
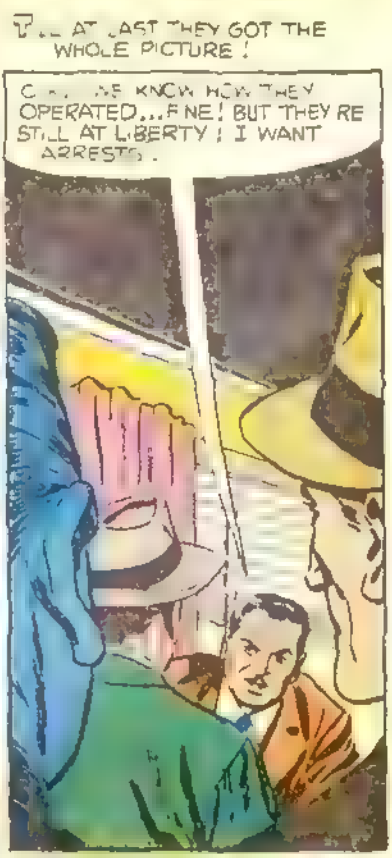




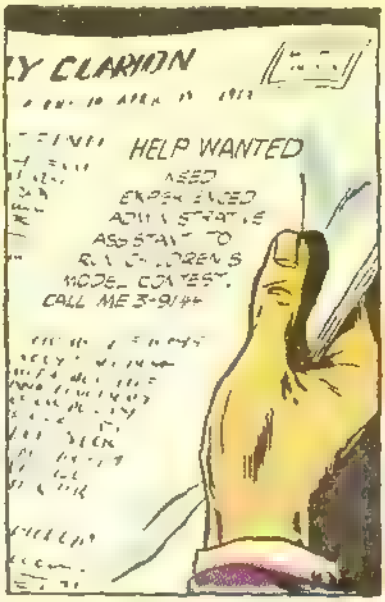
THEY'VE PULLED OUT CHEER. WE'VE SENT OUT M.O.E'S TO EVERY CITY IN THE COUNTRY...ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT FOR THEM TO SET UP SHOP SOMEWHERE AGAIN!

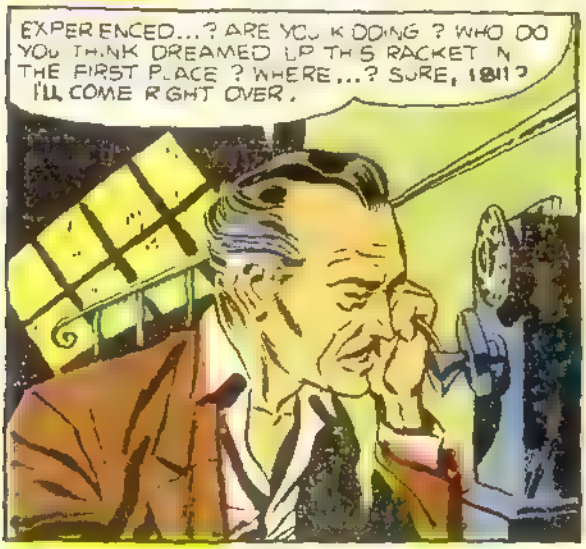
BUT THE RACKET HADN'T PAID--SO THEY NEVER DID IT AGAIN AND WE WERE LEFT WITH AN OPEN FOLDER IN OUR FILES...
NOTHING ON THOSE PHONY CONTEST RACKETEERS YET, HUH?
NOT A THING.

WELL, WE'RE NOT GOING UP. WE'RE HERE TO PROTECT ALL THE HONEST PEOPLE...AND WE'RE GOING TO DO THE JOB SOME DAY...SOMEHOW...WE'LL NAB THESE BUZZARDS JUST THE WAY WE'VE NABBED ALL THE OTHERS!

A YEAR LATER.....
JOE: HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE THAT PHONY CONTEST RACKET....SAY CAN YOU LEND ME A FIN?
ME? ARE YOU KIDDING? MY BANKROLL'S LOWER THAN A SNAKE'S BELLY!

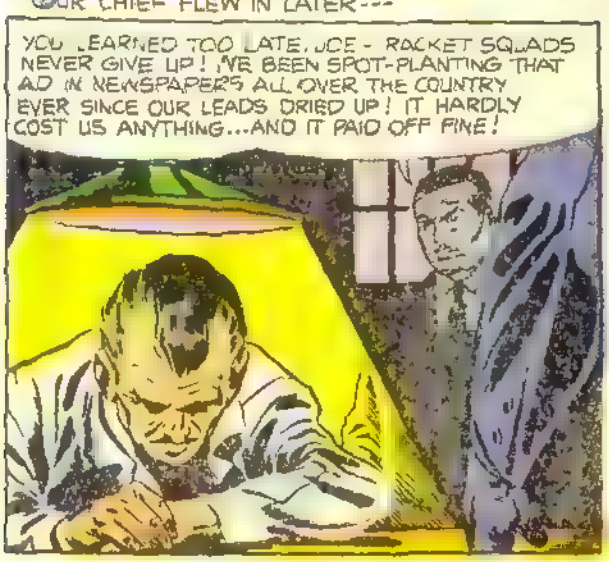
RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION



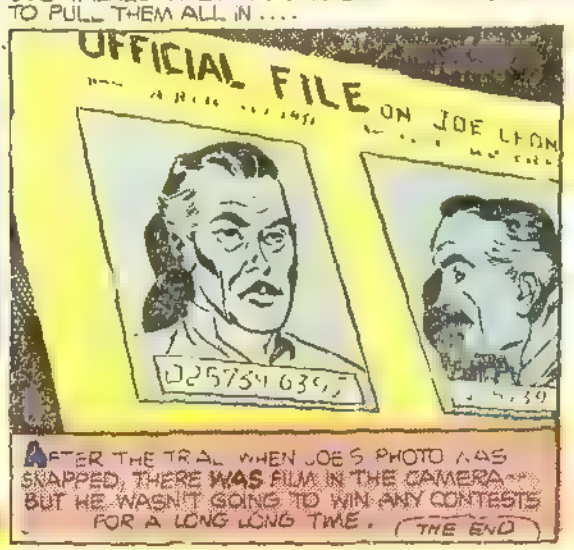


THE DOWN-AT-HIS-HEELS RACKETEER RAN CROSS-TOWN AS FAST AS HE COULD. BUT WHEN HE REACHED THE ADDRESS---

OUR CHIEF FLEW IN LATER---


YOU LEARNED TOO LATE, JOE - RACKET SQUADS NEVER GIVE UP! I'VE BEEN SPOT-PLANTING THAT AD IN NEWSPAPERS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY EVER SINCE OUR LEADS DRIED UP! IT HARDLY COST US ANYTHING...AND IT PAID OFF FINE!

JOE TALKED FAST--AND IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO PULL THEM ALL IN....


OFFICIAL FILE ON JOE LEON
AFTER THE TRIAL WHEN JOE'S PHOTO WAS SNAPPED, THERE WAS FILM IN THE CAMERA--BUT HE WASN'T GOING TO WIN ANY CONTESTS FOR A LONG LONG TIME. THE END

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RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

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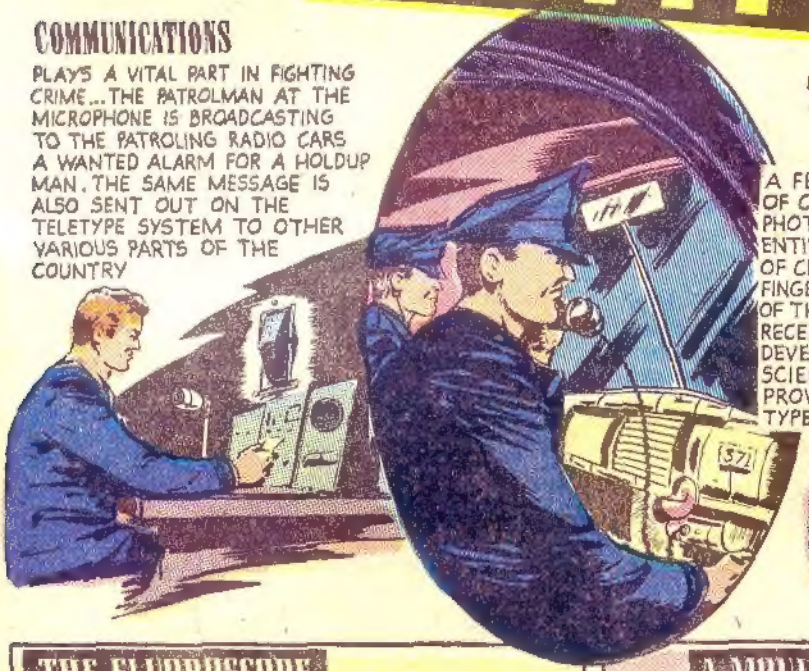

THE FINGER PRINT CAMERA

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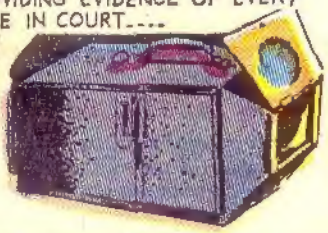

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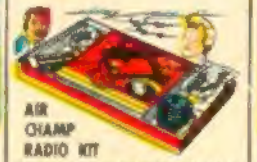

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